



FISHIN' TALES



Ladies Day 1995 turned out great!

OSCODA – Ladies Day 1995 turned out to be a great tournament. The weather co-operated, and the fish did, too!

At the tourney start, that old bugaboo fog raised doubts about starting on time. Fog was actually worse offshore than on, but there was a enough of a window for us to begin, so Dave Even gave the countdown for a 6:00 a.m. start. The fleet split roughly into two groups, with one heading northeast and one moving south-east. Action on big Kings had been reported the day before to the northeast.

Big Kings were present at both locations. The top-producing lure was an old standby, a black spoon with raspberry tape. The Kings were coming fairly shallow, 35'-50' down over 100'-125' of water. The interesting thing was that the thermocline was below 50'. Once again, Kings showed they will leave their preferred temperature to feed on bait fish.

Speaking of bait fish, the thing that had led boats to the northeast was the presence there on Friday of mounds of bait fish. On Saturday, those same boats gulped hard when they turned on their graphs and the bait fish were not there in the same numbers. There is an old saying that you will sometimes find bait fish and no Kings, but you won't find Kings and no bait fish – kind of like kids and candy!

To the south, the bait fish were there in greater numbers. By the end of the day, most boats had pulled lines and run south, as "Nothing But Fun" and Paul Nowak were reporting



FIRST PLACE – "FLOATING HOLIDAY": Dave Roehr, Pam Roehr, Colette Kronner, Melody Hunrath and Paul St. Pierre.

good King action.

At the weigh-in, Kings in the 15 lb.-20 lb. range kept coming to the scales. However, no one managed to bring in an eight-fish catch.

It was very tight at the top of the leader board, with only five points separating the top four boats! In the end, the winner was "Floating Holiday," skippered by Dave Roehr. This was Dave's first win ever in a tournament. Congratulations to Dave and his crew!

Special thanks go to all of the crews which

brought dishes to pass at the picnic, and, of course, to the "Teacher's Pet" crew who did a Great Lakes fish boil. All the food was great!

All in all, the 1995 Ladies Day tournament was a great success. The one downer this year was that one of our own was not there. The 1995 tournament was dedicated to Diane Coffey, who passed away suddenly last spring. We will all miss her.

– Dave Even, "Teacher's Pet"

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LADIES DAY TOP TEN BOATS

- 1) "Floating Holiday" Doug Roehr (82.15)
- 2) "Main Squeeze" Walt Pohorily (79.00)
- 3) "More Money" Mike Chimelak (78.13)
- 4) "Nothin' But Fun" Paul Nowak (77.11)
- 5) "Kemo" Bob Mitchell (70.14)
- 6) "Kare-Free" Tom Moores (70.07)
- 7) "Aquarius II" Chris Nytko (65.08)
- 8) "Lucky Falcon" Bob Golaszewski (57.13)
- 9) "Harmony" Tim Graskewicz (53.10)
- 10) "Golden Oldie" Howard York (53.03)

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LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT LEADERS



2nd Place - "MAIN SQUEEZE": Jeff Golaszewski, Nancy Kowalski, Carmen, Chris & Walt Pohorily.



3rd Place - "MORE MONEY": Mike Chimelak, Debi Greenman, James Dohoooghe & Fran Garnarcz (absent).



4th Place - "NOTHIN' BUT FUN": Jenny Henkel, Mike Niedzwiecki, Anthony, John, Margaret & Paul Nowak.



5th Place - "KEMO": Bob, Christy & Linda Mitchell, Leslie & Carrie Gilbert.



6th Place - "KARE-FREE": Karen & Tom Moores, Annette & John Schulte.



7th Place - "AQUARIUS II": Vickie, Jennifer, Margaret, Darek & Chris Nytko.

Detroit Area Steelheaders enjoy Lake Erie Walleye Outing

LUNA PIER - Gummy, hot weather and calm seas greeted the 17 Detroit Area Steelheader boats that were on hand at Luna Pier for our first club walleye outing

The fishing could not be described as hot. However some boats did well, with catches similar to those of the easy days of past years. Eight boats came to the weigh-in, which was a Big Fish pool only.

"Copias," with Mike Lehto, Bob Butler and Fred Hynick aboard weighed in the largest walleye, a 4-pound, 11-ounce beauty caught on a metallic hot greenspeck Wiggle Wart 120' back just east of the shipping channel. Second place went to Chris Nytko and crew on "Aquarius II" with a 3-pound, 11-ounce walleye. Finishing third was Stan Bilek and crew on "Blue Star," with a 3-pound, 2-ounce walleye.

Other boats weighing in fish were "Lil Scratch," "Wish-Full," "My Dream," "Steelie Ed," and "Net Profit." Don Redmond had an easy job manning the scales this time. There are a lot of small fish out there this year.

It was a beautiful summer day to be on the water close to home. Thanks to all the boats and their crews for their participation. Let's plan to do it again next year!

- Mike Lehto

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LUDINGTON TOURNEY IS SET FOR AUGUST 5

The Skippers' Meeting will take place at 5:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 5 at the Ludington Municipal Marina. Start time is scheduled for 6:00 a.m., with Fish Calls at 9:00 a.m. and noon; we will pull lines at 2:00 p.m. The weigh-in is set for 3:30 p.m. at the same place we've used the past few years, Peter Copian Park off Washington Street.

Those who have fished Ludington over the years know that the fishing there can be fast and furious. The catch there is usually mixed - we've seen big Kings, Cohos, Lakers, Steelhead, Browns and even Atlantic Salmon at the weigh-ins in past years. During one tournament at this port, the "Teacher's Pet" crew caught a Great Lakes Grand Slam (King, Coho, Lake Trout, Brown, Steelhead).

Fishing conditions can change fast at Ludington, and Steelheaders must be prepared with a variety of rigs if they are going to be successful. One rig to have ready is dodger and squids. White, yellow or chrome dodgers are generally the preferred colors, with glow squids, black squids and green squids trailing the dodgers by about 18 inches.

Another top choice is spoons. These can be very effective, especially early in the morning. The best spoon year in and year out is the M & M (a Northport Nailer in chartreuse with green tape). A few fish may be caught on J-Plugs, too, while Dipsey Divers can produce bonus fish, often Cohos, Steelhead or Browns.

Depths are determined by the thermocline, but expect to find fish 80'-100' deep if the weather has been stable. If not, you could find 45° F water temperature on the surface!

Ludington is known for its great structure. The most popular places to fish are north off the Bath House at the state park, or on to The Point easily seen by the lighthouse. There are drop-offs and deep holes there. Don't be afraid

to try straight out or south off The Project (a pump storage facility better known for spring fishing and grinding up fish!).

Also be sure to watch for the presence of deep currents. You may think you are trolling at two knots per hour, but your lures could either be dead in the water or moving at four knots, depending on the direction of the current. You can determine the presence of deep currents by watching your cannonball wires. If they look as though they are swayed back more or less than normal, there is probably a deep current affecting them.

Good luck at Ludington!

- Bob Mitchell
"Kemo"

Ludington Port Captain

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DETROIT STEELHEADERS RETURN TO ROGERS CITY

Saturday, August 26 will find the Detroit Area Steelheaders at the "Big Fish Port" of Rogers City, our eighth tourney of the year. BIG fish are the rule rather than the exception at this port - last year the Big Fish topped 26 pounds, with some others over the 20-pound mark. If the weather co-operates with us in 1995, there should be fish at the weigh-in pushing 30 POUNDS, quite common for Rogers City in late August.

The marina is going through a major renovation this summer with new ramps and more slips being added, but the harbor master has assured us that there won't be a problem for dockage. There will be 24 slips exclusively for Detroit Area Steelheaders from Friday night, August 25 to Saturday night, August 26.

These reserved slips are available by completing a reservation form and turning it in no later than July 18. The forms will be available at the June membership meeting, or by calling

(810) 293-1261. A one-night deposit of \$20.00 **MUST** accompany the reservation form to confirm Friday and/or Saturday dockage. Slips are on a first-come, first-served basis, and only a few are available at this writing, so don't delay! It is marina policy to remove trailered boats to make room for transient vessels should there be a shortage of slips due to bad weather or other variables, so reserving now is one way to be assured of having no inconvenience for this tournament.

More specifics about the port will be included in a handout at the July meeting, or call me direct. I hope to see you all there on August 26 for the BIG KING ACTION for which this port is famous!

- Leon Van Eden
(810) 293-1261

Rogers City Port Captain

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FISHERMEN ARE ASKED TO RETURN FISH WITH CLIPPED FINS

Anglers fishing in Michigan's Great Lakes and connecting waters are being asked to look for salmon lacking an adipose fin. The adipose fin on trout and salmon is the small fleshy back fin just forward of the tail.

Fisheries researchers have several studies underway aimed at determining movement, growth, survival, and the contribution of natural reproduction to the sport fishery in the Great Lakes. Also, various stocking locations, stocking techniques and fish-rearing practices will be evaluated by these studies.

Anglers who catch adipose fin-clipped fish are asked to freeze and save the heads, and to record the length, weight, location and date caught, and then contact a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) office.

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Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren
JULY 25, 1995 • AUGUST 29, 1995 • SEPTEMBER 26, 1995

NOTE: Because of Halloween, the October meeting will be held on October 24

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
July 22	MANISTEE	Paul Schoenrade, (810) 773-6477
August 5	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (810) 828-8034
August 26	ROGERS CITY	Leon Van Eden, (810) 293-1261
September 9	HARBOR BEACH	Robert Bressler, (313) 937-8795
September 16	SPECIAL PEOPLE (Tentative)	Tim Graskewicz (810) 486-5674

Do pen-reared salmon fare better?

Convincing evidence is beginning to emerge that Michigan would get a better return on its fishery investment if it reared fewer salmon to larger sizes before releasing them.

A multi-faceted study of micro-tagged (minute coded wire tags implanted in salmon's noses identifying the fish by planting site, hatchery of origin, and other details) Chinook salmon being released in Lake Huron is already producing results. Lake Huron fisheries research leader Jim Johnson reports, "We can almost predict the results (of plantings) based on size." Johnson says it appears Chinook shouldn't be planted until they are 3" long, and 3 1/2" is ideal. Millions of 1"-2" Chinook have been planted.

Planting far fewer, but larger Chinook, preliminary research results indicate, will result in far greater survival and return to anglers than planting many times more smaller fish.

Hatchery capacity limits Chinook rearing to a certain number of pounds of fish, either a vast number of tiny fish or a lot fewer larger fish. State and federal hatchery officials have complained for decades that they are forced to rear too many small fish (trout, salmon, walleyes, etc.) to meet political demands for large numbers of fish released at numerous — often biologically unsound — planting sites.

In the Lake Huron study, survival and return of salmon released at several sites and at several sizes are being studied. Salmon held in pens in VanEttan Creek, a lower AuSable tributary, and at Harbor Beach will be compared to those released at Swan Creek, south of Rogers City. At both Harbor Beach and the AuSable, two planting strategies are being studied. The pen-reared fish, Johnson reports, were 3"-4" long when released. At VanEttan, they grew 2.5 times bigger from the time they were put in pens until they were released.

At Harbor Beach, pen-reared fish will be compared to those planted directly from the hatchery. In the AuSable, survival and growth of salmon released in the river and those

released on the beach are being compared.

Fisheries crews, Johnson says, are finding the beach-released fish dispersed rapidly, avoiding heavy predation by inshore predators. Of 25 walleyes taken on the beach by researchers at Oscoda right after the release, none had eaten a salmon. Instead, they were feeding on alewives.

Mio district fish chief Dave Smith reports survey crews in the AuSable below the VanEttan release site found walleyes eating both just-planted salmon and steelhead. On the upside, Smith points out timing appeared good because there were few walleyes in the river when the fish were planted. In the future, Smith adds, they will try to time stocking to coincide with low densities of walleyes.

While it is too early to make final judgments, Smith says it appears that having far greater capacity to hold fish in planting rivers is desirable. Fish held in pens, he explains, both grow rapidly and become better imprinted to return to the river.

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Great Lakes Fish Boil

- 1 lb. Salmon or Lake Trout Steaks (per person)
- 2 cups Salt
- 1 Potato (per person)
- 1 Onion, whole (per person)
- 1/4 lb. Butter, drawn
- Lemon wedges
- Parsley

Heat potatoes in 8 qts. of water and bring to boil. Cover kettle with lid, leaving vents open. Add 1 cup salt and onions once water starts boiling. Begin timing when water reaches rolling boil again; regulate heat to produce steady rolling boil at all times. Boil potatoes and onions for 20 minutes. Place steaks in basket after onions and potatoes have finished boiling and lower them into boiling water. Add 1 cup salt, cover and boil approximately 12-15 minutes. Fish is done when it can be flaked with fork. Once fish is cooked, remove and drain off potato water. Serve fish, onions and potatoes with drawn butter, parsley and lemon wedges.

NOTE: Same-sized potatoes and onions should be used so that they will cook evenly. For small family use, a 12 1/2-quart Leye kettle will do.

- Ken Rogers

"Skipper of the Year" Standings


(THROUGH LADIES DAY, BEST 2 OF 5 SCORES)

Place & Skipper	Boat	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Tot.
1) BOB GOLASZEWSKI	"Lucky Falcon"	9	1	75	1	8					2
2) BOB MITCHELL	"Kemo"	3	5	1	6	5					4
3) DAVE ROEHR	"Floating Holiday"	14	5	4	12	1					5
4) DON REDMOND	"Trena Dawn"	5	7	3	7	15					8
5) TOM MOORES	"Kare Free"	11	75	17	2	6					8
6) BOB BUERO	"Mickey Mouse"	19	75	5	3	75					8
7) ROB PINSKEY	"Anticipation"	4	75	75	6	13					10
8) DAVE EVEN	"Teacher's Pet"	2	75	9	9	16					11
9) JIM HARDRICK	"My Dream"	50	3	8	15	14					11
10) DON ANTON	"Happy Bare"	6	75	6	75	75					12
11) DANIEL DIMA	"Taz"	50	9	50	4	12					13
12) PAUL NOWAK	"Nothing But Fun"	20	75	75	10	4					14
13) STAN BILEK	"Blue Star"	75	4	12	13	11					15
14) KEN KUJAR	"Mary K"	15	2	15	17	19					17
15) CHRIS NYTKO	"Aquarius II"	10	11	13	11	7					17
16) HOWARD YORK	"Golden Oldie"	50	50	7	20	10					17

A = River Crab B = St. Joseph C = Harbor Beach D = Port Austin E = Oscoda
 F = Manistee G = Ludington H = Rogers City I = Harbor Beach

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